

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GENSON BRIAN S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. [LTS] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ X Other (specify below) Former Director | | |
| (Last) 6000 ISLAND BLVD. | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2020 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) AVENTURA, FL 33160 | (City) | (State) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 195,602 (1) | D | \$ 3.5 (2) | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 10,000 | D | \$ 3.5 (3) | 0 | I | By Genson Capital LLC (4) |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock | 02/12/2020 | | S | | 2,000 (5) | D | \$ 25.08 | 0 | I | By Genson Capital LLC (4) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.4 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 50,000 | 05/18/2017 | 05/18/2026 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 1.1 (6) | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.38 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 50,000 | 05/18/2016 | 05/18/2025 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 0.12 (6) | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.01 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 50,000 | 06/25/2015 | 06/25/2024 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 0.49 (6) | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.46 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 50,000 | 05/09/2014 | 05/09/2023 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 2.04 (6) | 0 | D | |

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| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.32 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 50,000 | 09/28/2013 | 09/28/2022 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 2.18 (6) | 0 | D |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.79 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 20,000 | 11/10/2012 | 11/10/2021 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 1.71 (6) | 0 | D |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.11 | 02/14/2020 | | D | | 20,000 | 09/24/2011 | 09/24/2020 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 2.39 (6) | 0 | D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GENSON BRIAN S 6000 ISLAND BLVD. AVENTURA, FL 33160 | | | | Former Director |

Signatures

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| /s/ Brian S. Genson | | 02/14/2020 |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | | <small>Date</small> |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes restricted shares of common stock issued pursuant to the issuer's Amended and Restated 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan.
Disposed of in connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of November 11, 2019, pursuant to which Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. ("Ladenburg") would merge with a subsidiary of Advisor Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Merger"). Pursuant to the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of Ladenburg common stock was converted into the
- (2) right to receive cash in the amount of \$3.50 per share (the "Per Share Merger Consideration") and each restricted share of common stock became vested at the effective time of the Merger and was converted into the right to receive an amount of cash equal to the product of (i) the number of restricted shares of common stock and (ii) the Per Share Merger Consideration. As a result of the Merger, the reporting person no longer beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, any shares of Ladenburg common stock. Figure above does not include any deduction for taxes.
- (3) Disposed of in connection with the Merger.
- (4) The reporting person is the managing member of Genson Capital LLC.
- (5) The 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is convertible into common stock at a non-fixed conversion rate in connection with a change of control as described in the issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2013.
- (6) This option was cancelled in the Merger and converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of common stock subject to such option and (ii) the excess, if any, of the Per Share Merger Consideration over the exercise price per share of the option. Figure above does not include any deduction for taxes.

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